LIGHTING

there, now there is path lighting, which is a significant difference,"

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Polk Place has area lighting high-wattage lights that cast a wider glow. Path lighting is lower wattage and doesn't have as wide of

Students also expressed concern on Tuesday's tour about the dark-

ness of Coker Arboretum, which has no lighting in its interior. Jim Ward, the plant records curator for the N.C. Botanical Gardens, said adding lighting inside the arboretum would be difficult because of the arboretum's complex root systems. He said it also has the potential to be more dangerous

"Any lighting in there would result in pools of darkness because of the vegetation," Ward said.

He said people on the tour sug-gested lighting the President's Walk, which runs through the middle of the arboretum, and the wisteria arbor path, which runs alongside Cameron Avenue.

But he said better lighting does

not necessarily ensure safety.

"The most effective means of safety for students concerning the arboretum is to just not walk through it after dark," Ward

Citing safety fears, student government gave \$80,000 to install lighting in off-campus neighbor-hoods, including McCauley Street and Rosemary Street. The plans call for low-wattage lights similar to those in McCorkle Place.

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JIM WARD, N.C. BOTANICAL GARDENS PLANT RECORDS CURATOR, ON THE ARBORETUM

Kumar Neppalli, engineering services manager, said those lights are considered decorative and are comparable to those found in Meadowmont Village.

"This kind of light will be suitable for pedestrian use," Neppalli

Lights on McCauley will be installed in four to six weeks, and lights will be installed on Rosemary in the next three to four months.

Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said the lighting tours generally are designed to look at acute problems with lighting and safety.

Young said the campus personal safety committee will meet in November to make recommendations about the lighting issues.
Young and Ward both said

regardless of what new plans come out for lighting, student safety is their top priority.

"There are lots of places on cam-pus that represent a high risk," Young "It's important for students to

walk in groups, take the bus when possible and use good judgment when going places after dark."

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PAC

for the PAC's executive committee, which makes decisions about cam-

paign giving.
"We've got a bunch of old folks; we need some young blood," Fulton

Created in 2002, CHE generally takes positions that are in sync with those of the UNC system. But that has not always been the case, and critics say the group gives UNC-CH an unfair advantage in the legisla-

ture over other state universities. Several UNC-system Board of Governors members have said that so long as the PAC supports the system's agenda, they do not see it as a problem.

N.C. State University is the only other UNC-system school with a PAC, called the University Development Coalition. It has given \$100,500 to state legislators this election.

N.C. State's PAC also is trying to grow, but it has a long way to go before reaching the upper echelon

"Everything that we want to

do is likely to take longer than we thought it was going to six months

University officials had hoped to have the center approved before the rest of the plans for Carolina North,

which will include the UNC School

Construction of the center

vill force the closure of Horace

Williams Airport, which serves medical airplanes and personal use. This has been the source of much controversy as the University

of Law, office space and housing.

INNOVATION

Thorp said.

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PAUL FULTON, UNC-CH TRUSTEE ON THE CITIZENS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PAC

state political action committees. The N.C. Realtors PAC has given \$522,500 in contributions to state legislators and some local government candidates. The N.C. Advocates for Justice PAC, the trial lawyers' lobbying group, gave \$605,500, mostly to legislators.

looks for a new site.

Fulton said it will be tough to

Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc., based in California, will lease

build and maintain the center. The company has national and interna-

tional experience with incubators

other concerns that couldn't be sort-

some of the verbiage in the special-use permit," Runberg said. "After

trying to decide in the eleventh

hour, we couldn't reach an agree-

through, and I've been through a lot in my lifetime."

Both candidates have had to work

They were uncomfortable with

ed out before Monday's meeting.

like the Innovation Center. Bruce Runberg, assistant vice chancellor for facility planning and construction, said Alexandria had

land from the University and

catch up with those PACs. But by continuing CHE's success, and by recruiting young new members, Fulton is setting the stage for the group's long-term prosperity.

"It's an ongoing thing," he said.

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ment and decided to ask the council to wait." Alexandria could not be reached

for comment. Runberg said that the delay is "just part of the process" of getting the details in order, and that he hopes it will not cause further setbacks. He said UNC still hopes

to begin construction next March. "The economy is faltering," Runberg said. "So hopefully we can keep moving the project forward."

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a way to make a fight."

The campaign's key job now is to eep the momentum alive for just a few more days.

"Our job is to get him there," said Michelle Obama at the Rocky Mount rally. "Let me tell you something the only way Barack Obama does not become president is if we don't vote."

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Transportation is already conducting a complete system review of traffic signals in Chapel Hill, expected to be

TRAFFIC

completed in the next few weeks.

The review includes an evaluation of signal timing and traffic flow, which could contribute to accidents like Hughes', Jordan said.

He added that his department will also look into how Hughes' death could have been prevented as part of a standard post fatality investigation.

As he walked across South Columbia on Wednesday, resident Tim Ross said the intersection's traffic signals are what put pedes-

trians in danger.

"Right here," he said. "I've just about been hit myself."

James Willie Orr, an eight-year Chapel Hill Transit driver who was behind the wheel of the NS-route bus that struck Hughes, is on unpaid administrative leave, said Stephen Spade, director of Chapel Hill Transit

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OBAMA

"It's going to be pretty close," said Genee Smith, a UNC graduate student who attended the event. "I think he will win the presidency, but I'm not sure about North Carolina." Some said young voters could make or break Obama's chances.

"I think that young people are going to turn the tide," Chapel Hill resident Max Crohn said. "It's the most exciting election I've been

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harder in North Carolina than their predecessors, Guillory said.

"Four years ago, the candidates didn't fight over North Carolina cause they both understood early on in the general election that the state was going to stay Republican in electoral votes," he said.

What's different this year is they're having to fight over it, because the Obama people found

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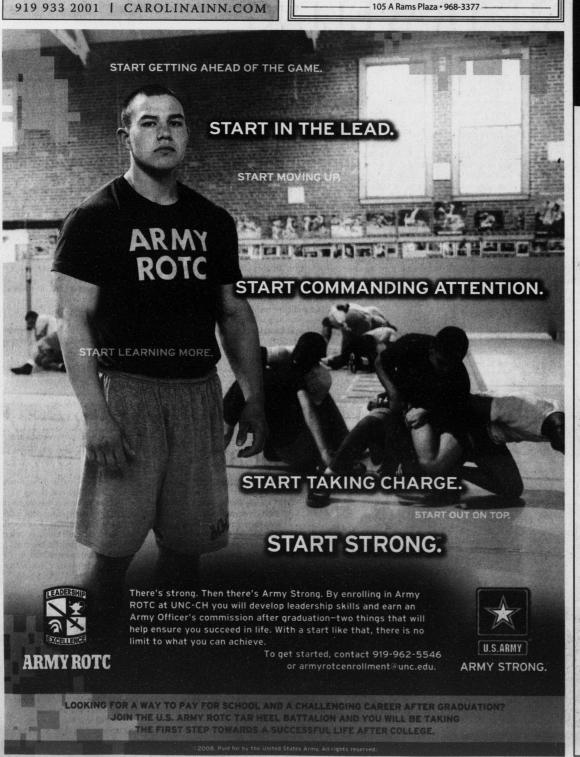
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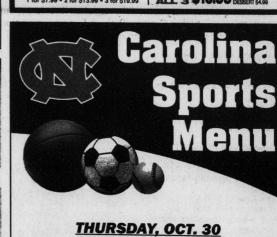
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